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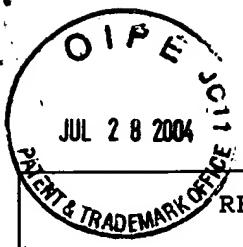
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on 7 June 2004 (5 June being Saturday).  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \*\*\*\*\*.

iii.  Other

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply
- ii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv.  Other

2. MISCELLANEOUS

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1/103(c) for a period of \*\* months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required).

b.  Other

3. FEES

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0457

- i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)
- ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii.  Other

b.  Check in the amount of \$ enclosed

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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